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In re Application of

Seisaku Iwasa et al.

Serial No.: 09/911,621

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For: A VERTICAL BAG FORM-FILL-SEAL
PACKAGING MACHINE

Patent Art Unit: 3728

Examiner: Anthony D. Stashick

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the May 20, 2004 Supplemental Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page two (2) of this paper. Claims 1-3, 5, 7-32 are pending, with claims 1, 20 and 31-32 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page nine (9) of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application:

[X] No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:


				<u>SMALL ENTITY</u>		<u>OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY</u>	
CLAIMS							
REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL 30	- 30	=	0	x09 =	\$	x18 =	\$
INDEP 4	- 4	=	0	x43 =	\$	x86 =	\$
[] 1ST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM				+145 =	\$	+290 =	\$
				TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1836. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

[X] Any additional excess claim fees under 37 CFR 1.16.

[X] Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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